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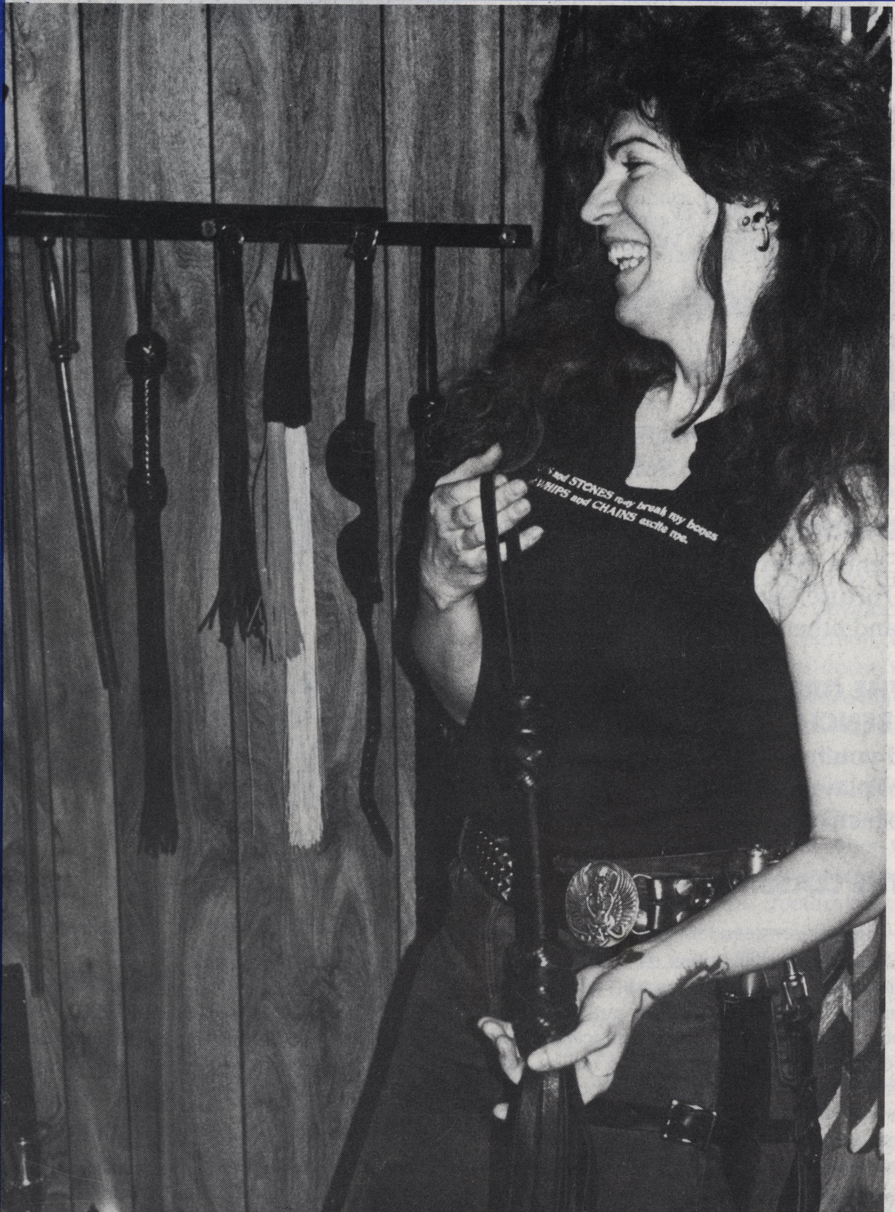
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AN INTERVIEW WITH

Jay Marston

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"When you're in the mood to thud, you thud for hours before the bottom gets sick of being thudded." Jay's favorite whip is a 24 inch-long soft leather flogger with a Turk's head knot at top and bottom. Sometimes Jay likes to create distance between herself and the bottom and then move in closer. This is a nice whip for starting that kind of scene.

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TG—TOP'S GUIDANCE: An experienced Top's guidance is recommended for at least some of the techniques included.

R—RESTRICTED: Novices should be supervised closely by an experienced Top.

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XXX—AVOID: Do not try this under any circumstances.

We recommend that each article be read entirely before attempting any technique.

Note: We do not condone the use of alcohol or any other drug that can alter the Top's sense of judgment or the bottom's sense of feeling during an SM encounter.

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Carol's Column

by Carol Truscott

It's only been several months and it feels like a dozen lifetimes since I wrote the last Carol's Column, and so much has happened. Most important, I think, is that the SM community in San Francisco has suffered the deaths of altogether too many more friends from AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses. In June, Geoff Mains, author of Urban Aboriginals and Gentle Warriors died. I was privileged to coordinate the Drummer tribute to Geoff (issue #134, in case you missed it). Within three weeks, Fred Heramb, the last owner of The Catacombs, died, a month to the day after his lover, Mike Twinn. In September we lost Ken Lackey, the Desmodus staff member who wrote some of our most up-beat copy, kept our classified advertising in good order and always reported the good news to me as soon as it came in. Nine days after the earthquake, Cynthia Slater, founder of The Society of Janus and my very dear friend, died. In between these deaths, I've also lost Leigh, David, Bill and Joey, and I no longer try to keep count of who's HIV-positive, who's diagnosed with ARC and who with AIDS. Is it any wonder I keep after my readers about safe sex? Please take it seriously. I don't know how much more grief I can handle.

AIDS AND DOCTORS

Two friends with AIDS recently had similar experiences with their doctors. Both people, a man and a woman, had told their doctors of a particular body problem over some period of time, and the doctors had said, in effect, "It's all related to your AIDS." No diagnostic testing was done and no treatment, other than what they had been taking or doing for AIDS, was ordered.

Finally something happened to each PWA that called the doctors up short: the man's belly got very large and his ankles swelled up, and the woman was brought in to the hospital with very severe abdominal pain. The man's physician reviewed medical records and discovered the patient had had hepatitis years ago. An appreciable part of that man's problems were related to the fact that his liver was failing and was, in fact, functioning at only 1 or 2% of normal. The woman was found to have a gall bladder full of stones that had undoubtedly been present for several years, most likely pre-dating her AIDS by some time. Unfortunately, she was too ill to operate on immediately (as would likely have been done in someone without AIDS).

Both my friends died shortly after these other, non-AIDS-related problems were discovered. I do not believe, nor do I want my readers to believe, that the doctors' failures to pick up and treat the intercurrent diseases were related in any way to my friends' deaths. I am concerned, however, that if either of them had gone to their doctors with the same complaints without a diagnosis of AIDS, a range of tests would have been done to determine what was causing the problems, and treatment would have been instituted promptly. In the case of the woman, in allprobability her gall bladder would have been removed by surgery, at a time in the course of her AIDS that she would have had a good chance of recovering well from the surgery. In the case of the man, there is little that could have been done for him by traditional Western medicine, but he might have chosen to explore alternative modalities such as herbal medicine, acupuncture, etc.

Just because a person has HIV disease doesn't mean she or he can't develop non-HIV-related problems. A person who's diabetic and develops AIDS doesn't stop being diabetic: AIDS doesn't cure diabetes. A person with arthritis doesn't stop having problems associated with the arthritis. People with AIDS do catch plain, old-fashioned colds that don't turn into pneumocystis pneumonia or precipitate other major opportunistic infections. Unfortunately, there seem to be some doctors who lose sight of this and just assume that any complaint a person with HIV disease has must be related to that disease and that it calls for more of the same treatment.

In discussing these friends with other people, we came up with an approach to use to primary medical providers of people with HIV disease. When something new starts to go wrong or to hurt, the person with AIDS should ask the primary medical care provider, "If I didn't have AIDS, what would you be considering as possible diagnoses for these problems? How would you test for those possibilities?" A discussion would follow about the risks involved in doing these tests compared with the possibility of specific treatment that might resolve the problems, a negotiated approach to medical care, if you will.

THE DAY THE EARTH DID NOT STAND STILL

The October 17 Loma Prieta Earthquake was a horrible experience for just about everyone in the San Francisco Area. The building housing Desmodus, Inc. was damaged beyond repair. The staff put an enormous amount of time into saving everything that could be saved, and by the time this issue of SGADJ gets to you, we will be settled at our new location. In addition to our building, the Santa Cruz home of the mother of an SM woman and the home and dungeon of a professional dominant were made uninhabitable, and one man is waiting to hear from FEMA about funding to replace his chimney. There was only relatively minor property damage otherwise, and no member of our community was seriously injured. However, even that amount of damage is extremely costly. People have lost jobs because their employers no longer exist, people have had to find new housing because their apartment buildings were severely damaged, and day-to-day expenses have been radically affected by changes in people's ways of traveling to and from work.

Spurred by Dave Rhoades, publisher of The Leather Journal, an SM community earthquake relief fund was set up under the auspices of the newly-formed National Leather Association: San Francisco Bay Area chapter. SM organizations and SM-oriented bars in various parts of the country held fund-raisers, and contributions from individuals were also received. A total of about $2500 had been received as of late December. The NLA:SFBA executive committee set December 31, 1989 as the deadline for receiving both contributions and applications for financial help. It had, by then, made two grants to people who were forced out of their apartments, and others are awaiting a decision. Any money not disbursed to SM people with earthquake-related needs by February 28, 1989 will be donated to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

A REQUEST

If your club is receiving a complimentary subscription to The Guardian, we'd like to receive your club newsletter or calender in exchange. As space permits, and as you've probably noticed, we like to write about what's going on. We will protect your members' privacy by not publishing the names of individuals unless they give us specific permission to do so. Deal? ■

SOUNDOFF

Dear Editor:

I received a copy of The Sandmutopia Guardian a few weeks ago and I'm impressed. I've been an occasional reader of Drummer for a few years. I've been into S&M and torture since I was 12 years old (I'm 32 yrs old now), and S.G. is the best I've seen yet.

Currently I'm incarcerated in Nevada. You should have seen the look on the guards' faces at mail call. A few comments were made to me but that's all. It's too bad our prison system doesn't use some of these technics on inmates. I'd go for it.

RJ / Carson City, NV

P.S. Thanks ... to you and your staff for making my time easy or hard, whichever the case may be. -R.J.

For years the prison system DID use some of the techniques we write about in The Guardian. The big difference is they didn't make sure the person they were doing them to WANTED them done. - C.T.

... The article on flagellation by The Quartermaster is the best I've ever read on the subject, easily worth the price of the issue (#5). I can't believe it was written by a woman - why not sign herself Quartermistress?

BS / New York, NY

The Quartermaster says: Well, I'm glad you enjoyed the essay on whipping, but I can think of no reason other than egregious sexism to account for your astonishment at my anatomical gender. Perhaps, to give you the benefit of the doubt, you simply were not aware that women can be at least as kinky as men.

I use The QuarterMaster to identify one of my personae. I love whipping, adore shopping, and have a serious fetish for uniforms. Giving license to the full range of one's eccentricities is one of the delights of SM. I enjoy being fanatic about details of equipment and take great pleasure in dealing with the logistics of play. Thus, The QuarterMaster was named one night in a moment of post-scene hilarity.

I use the male version because I also enjoy gender play and often assume a male identity in scenes. Besides, have you ever heard of a military supply officer called a QuarterMistress?

Dear Carol,

I found The Guardian at Giovanni's Room in Philadelphia. I love it, a realistic B&D magazine. I have issues #2, 3, 4 and 5. I particularly like the ratings of articles and the non-sexist approach.

RS / Philadelphia, PA

So how come you don't have #1? -C.T.

Dear Editor,

Just a word of appreciation for the first entry in the "Lost & Found" series, "Clues for Bottoms," by Lady Jane and The Mistress, in Issue 4. It is truly independent of gender and sexual orientation. I wish I had been able to read it a dozen years ago, when I was starting my own quest and was just the kind of needy-greedy, turn-off, bottomless-pit bottom manque the authors described.

Yours truly,

DS / New York, NY

Dear Carol,

... I also wanted to tell you that The Guardian is a great magazine. Keep up the good work!

Yours truly,

SS / (no address)

Carol:

... we really do appreciate the professional way the Desmodus affairs are handled ... Take your time - better right than hasty!

TR / Livermore, CA

Dear Carol:

I read about the changes in the Guardian as to content and format. It still sounds great and I will enjoy each issue of this first-rate S/M publication. Keep up the great writing and "how to" articles.

Submissively,

BL / Ypsilanti, MI

As a relatively recent de-closeted man, entering into the powerfully exciting and intoxicating world of Leathersex and SM, I am overjoyed to have discovered your journal, "The Sandmutopia Guardian."

Such informative and fascinating articles as "Party Ethics," "Dungeon Workshop," "Fundamentals of Flagellation," "Suspension," just to mention a few, are the areas of instruction and I might add, hot reading that this masochist has enjoyed. I also especially think "nifty" the safety ratings that precede each article describing and exploring specific techniques being discussed.

I find it comforting knowing that there is enough concern "out there" for the creators and contributors of The Sandmutopia Guardian to have founded such a journal so that persons such as myself can feel really good about getting in touch with their needs/desires regarding SM. And also the fact that the articles are written about women and men, straight and gay, gives further credence to the publishers of their intent to support and educate the SM community as a whole, without bias or sexism dictating one-sided positions. Thank you for that!

Please keep up the great work and whether your readers be Top or bottom, this magazine is definitely the "TOPS."

JB / San Francisco, CA

READERS' REPORTS

This column will appear as often as we receive high-quality articles about from our readers particularly about their Top/bottom, Dominant/submissive, Mistress - Master/slave relationships. We're interested here primarily in how you got your relationship started, how you and your partner made it work. We're definitely not interested in who did what to whom with what for how long. There are plenty of other places to get titillated. This magazine is where you get educated.

This article was originally sent as a letter to Mistress Lana (now retired), by C. K. R., a het male slave who seems to have had less trouble than many others finding the Mistress of his Dreams.

I have been a live in slave to three different owners from 1946 until the death of my third Mistress in 1987. "Clues for Bottoms" in Issue Four of the Guardian seems to be a remarkably astute description of the plight of the Topless bottom. I had no problem finding my first two Mistresses. They found me. I had to search only the third time. Now, because of my age and health, I am not seeking a live-in situation. I have some thoughts, however, not about how to find a Top, but about things which might help the relationship succeed. S/M is, to say the least, a bit outside the guidelines by which we are raised, and it needs a lot of understanding. Mine were Female-male situations, but I believe these opinions apply regardless of gender.

Unknown to me, the wife I married in 1946 was a Dominant whose first husband was Her slave. When he died She was so lost without a slave that She felt She had to find a replacement. Giving me no hint of Her real purpose, She married me. I was never able to find out how She knew I was slave material when I didn't know it myself. A month after the wedding, one unforgettable Friday, I returned home from work eager for a week-end of sex. My wife said it would add a little spice if She tied me up. Little did I know I would remain tied and chained from Friday night until Monday, while She began my drastic transformation from male chauvinist into slave. She made Her point with whips, nipple and genital torture, chains and acts which at that time were intensely humiliating, but which I later learned to love. The first week-end I was ready to kill Her for the pain She inflicted.

This is not an autobiography, so I'll just say that She succeeded in uncovering my unsuspected submissive nature. I knew nothing of S/M and had never had any fantasies involving domination or submission, but I became a slave. During our years together we had many occasions to talk about why we were so happy when all around us marriages and relationships were crumbling.

I believe it is essential for the two parties to have a comfortable compatibility beyond S/M and to enjoy each other's company. Before I finalized my commitment we had serious talks about how things would inevitably change as slavery became reality. If the parties are in love, as we were, they must be prepared for a change in the dimensions of their love. A Mistress cannot love a slave whom She owns in the same way She loved him romantically. The slave's concept of love changes, too, with less thought of sex and more thought of making Her happy.

There is little hope for a good relationship if the Dominant is not sensually turned on by exercising Her powers. I believe no S/M relationship can be successful unless the Dominant is a sadist to some degree and the slave is a masochist to some degree. From what I read, it seems that many people feel theyhave to deny this, as if sadism is a dirty word instead of a word describing the exhilarating rush of power my Mistresses felt as they subjected me to all their whims and tortures. My wife was capable of achieving orgasms just from my suffering. It is not necessary to be that sadistic, but there will be a constant need for relentless discipline as She trains him to instant obedience and teaches him to accept pain and punishment as a just and necessary part of his life.

The Dominant must understand that with ownership goes responsibility. If She owns him body and soul, She accepts responsibility for his welfare. At the same time She must be careful not to allow unwarranted concern for him or for his pain to interfere with Her pleasures in whipping or torturing him or utilizing his services. She can tell from his reactions and his body language what he is feeling. As soon as he tells Her what to do Her power is diminished.

The submissive must be keenly aware of what he is giving up and what he is getting in return. He must think carefully about how far he is prepared to go to be a real slave. My wife, through Her past experience with a slave husband, was very explicit about what She expected of me, but it is safe to say the slave will always have to go further than he expects. I did. Much further.

The bottom must never make demands or tell his Top what he wants Her to do. He must understand that he is a slave in the most literal sense, which the dictionary says is "a person who is owned by another." He cannot protest that some days he doesn't feel like being whipped or sucking Her toes. He must surrender his body, but he cannot surrender his mind and soul voluntarily. The Top will make that happen in time and take control of his mind without his realizing it if the relationship is going to be successful.

A classic example would be for a man to be captured and find himself at the complete mercy of a woman. She could torture him so many ways that he would obey any command at any time. What is wrong here is that he obeys because he fears pain, not because he wants to give pleasure to the woman.

For a successful relationship the Top must reshape the bottom's psyche. This means destroying his macho ego to make him understand he exists only to serve and please his Owner. A slave cannot do this alone. Everything I am saying is aimed at helping his mind get over this crucial hurdle. I am convinced there is a point, as there was with me, where the bottom either eagerly embraces life as a slave or finds he cannot handle the pain and humiliation. I suspect this is the point where many relationships bite the dust. The Top must be wise enough to see into the slave's mind and take him steadily down the path to total subjugation at the proper rate, not too fast, not too slow. For example, during the early stages of my enslavement I am positive a Golden Shower would have freaked me out and ruined everything,but my wife waited until She knew I was ready to please Her in every possible way.

Sex is obviously at the root of S/M, but physical gratification may be more important to the Top than to the bottom. The slave learns to achieve emotional satisfaction by suffering and otherwise giving pleasure to his Owner. He learns there is more to sex than coupling. He learns to accept the power of his Mistress to control every aspect of his sex life, and, even more important, Her divine RIGHT to control it.

A bottom must fear his Top to some degree. There is much in the way that no one can endure. I became a much better slave after unbearable pain made me fear Her. It also made me love Her even more.

After my wife died I was taken over by one of Her friends who had often visited us and used me as a slave. Even though we both knew the basics we avoided some potential problems by the kind of discussions which I mentioned above.

After my second Mistress died in a car crash I was devastated to be without domination after all those years. While in Denver on business, an associate arranged for a call-girl to come to his hotel room. When she was ready to leave he sent her into my adjoining room for my "pleasure." Having never had sex with a prostitute I declined, but I asked if she was into domination. She said no, but she had a friend who was. The friend was a 48-year-old retired call-girl and a superb Mistress. On several subsequent trips to Denver She found me satisfactorily submissive. Here again we had serious talks about both of us adjusting to all aspects of live-in slavery. It was the first time for Her. Going in with our eyes open gave us three happy years until She died in a car crash.

It is very helpful if an S/M person can talk with an S/M friend who is not an S/M partner. In my efforts to adjust to a life alone without a Mistress I have received much help from a wonderful Dominant lady, a friend who has never been my S/M partner. My feeling is that an S/M "session" might damage our friendship. She encouraged me to write this document. (ckr) ■

CLUB LISTINGS

The Sandmutopia Guardian is pleased to list the names, addresses and phone numbers of all SM and related organizations, sorted by whether they are open to women and men, women only or men only. If your organization is not listed, please send us relevant information so we can add it to our list. There is no charge for a listing. These data are constantly changing, if you become aware of changes that should be made in our lists please let us know. Clubs names preceded by an asterisk are new to this listing or have an address change or correction. Club names listed in regular type, not bold face, have had mail returned from the address listed, if you can provide a correction please do. Send new listings or changes to The Guardian Club Lists, PO Box 11314, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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Do you need to see a physician, a counselor, an attorney, or another professional with whom you can be fully comfortable discussing the SM aspects of your life? This is a problem we all face, and to help solve it the Sandmutopia Guardian is providing the following list of professionals who have identified themselves as SM Aware.

Note that this does not necessarily mean that they themselves are SM practitioners, though many are, just that they are aware of the aspects of SM sexuality. Inclusion on this list also does not constitute a recommendation of their abilities and expertise by Desmodus Inc.

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REPORTS

Living in Leather IV

The fourth NLA Living in Leather conference was held at the Portland Coliseum early in October. About 400 people attended the two-day-plus series of workshops, panel discussions, parties, fun and games. The National Advisory Council, meeting just before the start of the weekend, adopted a proposed set of by-laws which will soon be sent to all N.L.A. members for ratification.

For your reporter, probably the single most exciting event at LIL IV (especially since I didn't make it to any of the parties) was the tone of reconciliation that pervaded the panel called "Since Dallas, 1988." None of the participants in that discussion walked away having heard exactly what they wanted to hear, most of us felt major strides had been made toward healing the rifts that tore the Dallas conference apart. (For those of you to whom this is all Greek, please consult back issues of SG.)

NLA started as a glimmer just a little over three years ago and has grown amazingly in that short time. It now boasts 12 chapters, 9 of them established and 3 in formation. Within a couple of months its membership will (in all probability) have approved by-laws, permitting it to go ahead with incorporation as a non-profit organization under Federal and state laws. If you're an isolated SM/leather/fetish person, NLA can help you feel connected to the nationwide community of SM/leather/fetish people. If there's no SM/leather/fetish organization in your neighborhood, NLA can help you start an NLA chapter. For more information, drop them a note at P. O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107.

Race Banon gives a bondage demonstration at LIL IV. *Droux Photo.*

Master Trainers

We got a 4-page publication called "Slave," the official publication of Master Trainers. Based in Chicago, it seems to stand free of any formal organization, but it boasts a toll-free phone number for nationwide use (1-800-SLAVERY), and a serious schedule of advertising. The target audience of the publication could be submissive women and dominant men. On the front page they say "we are not in the business of accumulating and or selling mailing lists. We do not sell photos, magazines or anything else." Since the masthead says the publication "is never for sale," a phone call or note to PO Box 14546 Chicago, IL 60614 should get you a copy.

Westward Bound

This place provides a private dungeon with luxury accommodation in England's West Country. Groups of 2 to 6 of any orientation and gender combination can live out their fantasies in "what is widely acknowledged as one of the best dungeons in Europe. Westward Bound is not a meeting place for persons wishing to widen their group of friends." That's what the slick flyer says. The flyer also includes a 15-pound voucher that can be used as part payment of the cost of a stay at the bed, breakfast and dungeon. If you're traveling to England, write them at Dept V, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3XX. Include a self-addressed envelope and international postage voucher for surface or air mail.

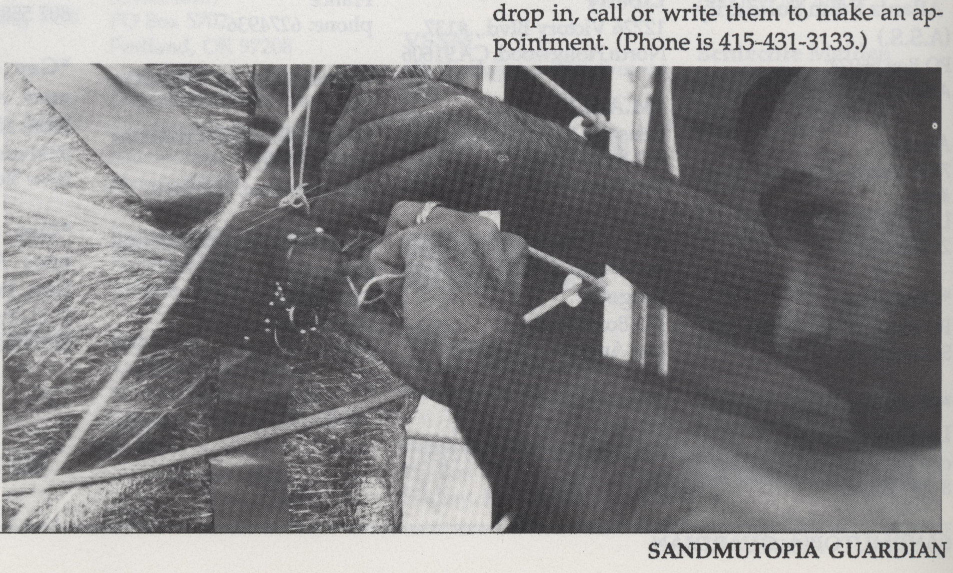
We'd love to hear about the place from SG readers! —C.T.

Outrageous Women

While they're not a club, this excellent women's SM magazine, produced by all-volunteer labor, has been an important contributor to the overall health of the SM community. After three years of publishing at a financial loss, the women of OW have laid down their blue pencils. Unfortunately, they are left with debts for which they will be personally liable if they can't raise some money to satisfy their creditors. They do, however, have OW T-shirts for sale at $8.00 each (add a dollar for shipping) and reprints of their excellent article, "Whipping Up a Cat-O'-Nine-Tails," at $1.50. They also have some copies of some issues of the magazine itself. (For a list of back issues, send them a self-addressed, stamped envelope.) To order T-shirts and/or reprints, send your check or money order to OW, P. O. Box 23, Somerville, MA 02143.

Gauntlet

Anyone who knows anything about body piercing knows and respects the Gauntlet name. For nearly 15 years they've been making high-quality piercing jewelry and installing it at their store at 8720 Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles. Now they've opened a second store at 2377 Market Street in San Francisco. Gauntlet's founder, Jim Ward, hasn't gotten around to writing the book on how to do piercings safely, but the magazine he publishes, Piercing Fans International Quarterly, has a good selection of chapters, and one chapter was published in SGADJ #5. Jim and his trained staff will operate the San Francisco store. When you plan your visit to the San Francisco Bay Area, drop in, call or write them to make an appointment. (Phone is 415-431-3133.)



NEWS FROM THE FRONT

It's been many months since we last reported on happenings around the world that relate to SM and adult consensual sex in SG. To minimize confusion, we've arranged this version of News from the Front in chronological sequence. C. T.

Child Protection Law in Court

Federal District Court Judge George Revercomb found the 1988 federal Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Act unconstitutional on May 16, 1989. The American Library Association had brought suit, deeming the law so restrictive that it interfered with safer-sex education. The law had been touted by its proponents as a way to protect children from abuse by pornographers. It requires publishers and distributors to document the ages of all nude models in photographs to ensure that they were at least 18 years old at the time the photographs were taken. Los Angeles attorney John Weston said the government is not going to enforce the record-keeping and forfeiture provisions of the law at least until an appeal is resolved. There is no indication as to whether or not the Justice Department will appeal the ruling. (*San Francisco Sentinel*, June 4, 1989 and *Spectator*, 9/8-9/14/89.)

Is Playboy Pro-Censorship?

Our friends at the *Journal of Sexual Liberty* ask this question because *Playboy* magazine, that successful blend of centerfolds and "serious articles," has long touted itself as a champion of free speech, but a San Francisco company has found out that even *Playboy* plays the censor. Good Vibrations, which sells vibrators, sex toys and books in its store and by mail order, attempted to advertise their catalogs in *Playboy* and was rejected. The *San Francisco Bay Guardian* quotes Laura Miller of Good Vibrations as saying *Playboy* account executive William Kurz was offended by titles dealing with male or female homosexuality and with pictures of naked men. Also deemed objectionable was the book "Period," a respected educational book dealing with menstruation for pre-teenaged girls.

"Our ads are very low key and nonsexual looking," says Joani Blank of Good Vibrations. "It's ridiculous that *Playboy* can reject them but accept ads for raunchy catalogs selling crotchless panties. We are socially conscious, educationally oriented and present our products as things real people use in real life. *Playboy* just wants to offer fantasy stuff." (*Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 5/89)

Brothel Stock Sales

In May, Nevada approved the sale of stock in the Mustang Ranch (a licensed brothel) to Nevada residents shortly after trading in the stock was begun in 9 other states. The brothel went public to raise funds. In July, sales were halted because only about 3/4 of the required amount of money had been raised. The entire stock offer is being restructured. As of November, the suggested price per share dropped from $20 to $10. American Wallstreet Securities of Tampa, FL is handling the offering. (*Oldest Profession Times*, 5/89 and 11/89)

More Dial-A-Porn

The California Public Utilities Commission approved a plan requiring that all "dial-a-porn" telephone messages be made available only by advance subscription and plans to give all fee-per-call services new prefixes and tighter controls. However, a federal judge, several months later, ruled that Pacific Bell is not bound by the free speech amendment to the U. S. Constitution, and the case was sent back to state courts. (*Oldest Profession Times*, 5/89 and 10/89)

Pornographic Pets in Britain

British customs officials seized two movies en route from Massachusetts to the Cannes Film Festival, alleging they were "pornographic." When the movies were shown, it became apparent they were television spots made for the Massachusetts SPCA, asking pet owners to have dogs and cats neutered. (*Oldest Profession Times*, 5/89)

Justice Dept Supports Local Anti-Porn Group

San Franciscans Against Censorship Together (SF ACT) is working to end the financial support of the Justice Department for Bay Area Citizens Against Pornography. A May 1989 conference, "Bridge Between Sexual Violence and Pornography," was cosponsored by the United States Justice Department and Bay Area Citizens Against Pornography and held at the Navy base on Treasure Island. There were very few attempts to prove the contention that pornography causes violence: most speakers just assumed this. No speakers were invited who did not share this assumption.

On the first day Kenneth Wooden spoke on Satanism, cults and child abuse. Wooden, a reporter and TV producer, claimed that there was a pattern in the US and Canada of satanic child abuse, murders and suicide. When challenged to support his assertions that violent sex crime was caused by porn, he defended his position by saying he did not trust academic studies on the matter. In a pamphlet written by Wooden and sold at the conference, Wooden claimed that children of parents whose life-styles were sexually promiscuous or did not belong to a church or have religious values were most likely to be molested or murdered.

On the second day, Joseph Russoniello, U.S. Attorney for Northern California and Mary Spearing of the Justice Department's National Obscenity Enforcement unit, spoke about law enforcement. Both basically claimed that porn promotes crime, destroys self-esteem, is a public health problem, doesn't teach about love and marriage, etc. Both also attacked adult prostitution. Chuck McLeon of the U.S. Customs Service, said that child porn is produced by individuals and is not an organized industry. Don Stahl, Stanislaus County (CA) district attorney, spoke on the use of red light and nuisance abatement laws to close adult video arcades. Video arcades were closed in Modesto (the largest city in Stanislaus County) as a "public health" problem. The laws used were copied after the ordinances used by San Francisco to close gay bathhouses. During police investigation of arcades, samples of semen from floors was taken to labs to be analyzed. When adult arcades are dealt with as a public health problem, Stahl claimed there were no problems with the First Amendment.

Mike Rustigan of San Jose State University said violent R-rated action movies (which he referred to as porn) and rock music played a role in the psychological makeup of serial murderers. He defined porn as that which inflicts pain and suffering. He said violence, not sex, was the culprit, but sexual porn helped desensitize the serial murder so he can legitimate his revenge on society.

Dr. Victor Cline, a behavioral psychologist at the University of Utah, speaking on the third day, said porn could be addictive and helped the sexual addict lose control of his sexuality. The three levels of sexual addiction are (1) those tolerated by society such as masturbation or visiting a prostitute; (2) nuisance crimes such as voyeurism and exhibitionism; and (3) criminal behavior such as rape or child molestation. The sex addict needs a stronger fix and moves up these three levels. The sex addict is never healed but can be conditioned through aversion therapy (sniffing ammonia) and individual and group therapy. Cline cited links between porn and group sex, sexual experimentation among the young, and sexual violence. He said sexual deviations are learned and there is a definable norm, sex in heterosexual marriage. Other sex is psychologically sick. (abstracted from a report by Jeffrey A. Jones, SF ACT! in *Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 6/89)

Evangelizing for Sex

In Roanoke, a Georgia evangelist was convicted of using his traveling revival circuit to recruit boys for a prostitution ring he also operated. (*Oldest Profession Times*, 6/89)

Sex Paper Racks Upheld

The First District Court of Appeals in California struck down a city of Alameda ordinance that would have barred sex papers, such as the Spectator, from newsracks. The court rejected the city's arguments, calling them "something out of a Far Side cartoon." The 3 - 0 decision rejected Alameda's contention that newsracks were like adult theaters and bookstores. "Newsracks are hardly the same as adult bookstores and theaters, there are no flashing lights or gaudy displays. There is no steady stream of lingering customers. The product is not intended to be consumed at the site of purchase. The city's assertion `now that the bookstores are gone, what better place (for prostitutes and pimps) to meet the johns?' sounds more like an idea for a Gary Larson cartoon than a plausible constitutional argument," said Justice Donald King. The court added, "The ordinance does not meet the constitutional requirement that it be a content-neutral regulation aimed at preventing secondary effects of adult newsracks in the surrounding neighborhood, or be a content-based regulation justified by a compelling state interest." The California Supreme Court has ruled that cities can restrict the location of theaters that have a "regular and substantial course of conduct" of showing specific types of sex films. The theaters' attorney, Stanley Fleishman, noted that a similar ruling had been declared unconstitutionally vague by a federal judge in Minnesota. Shortly after the court rulings were issued, Republican California Assemblymember Gil Ferguson entered a bill in the legislature that would ban the sale of pornography in newspaper vending machines. (*Oldest Profession Times*, 6/89 and *Journal of Sexual Liberty* 9/89)

Moral Majority Disbanded

Rev. Jerry Falwell announced the Moral Majority will be disbanded by the end of August. Falwell claims it has been a success. "The religious right is solidly in place and ... the religious conservatives in America are now in for the duration." Falwell admitted in response to a reporter's question that the Moral Majority's budget had dropped from $11 million in 1984 to about $3.5 million in 1988 and that other support was eroding. A political analyst noted the move "is just ratification of a political tide that's come and gone." No mention was made of the Internal Revenue Service investigation of the Moral Majority. (*Oldest Profession Times*, 7/89)

Adam and Eve to be Naked Again

Art restorers working on Michelangelo's' painting of the Last Judgment in the Sistine Chapel say they are planning to remove the loincloths decreed by Pope Pius IV and restore the painting to the original nudes painted by Michelangelo from 1536 to 1541.(*Oldest Profession Times*, 7/89)

Vatican Fights Pornography

A new Vatican document urged stronger laws, citizen action and industry self-regulation to fight the "corrupting effects" of pornography and violence that exploit women and children. U.S. Archbishop John Foley introduced the document at a Vatican press conference.

Titled "Pornography and Violence in the Communications Media: A Pastoral Response," it was prepared by the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, headed by Foley. The report says pornography today is a "lucrative industry" motivated by profit. It says pornography reduces human persons and bodies to an anonymous object of misuse for the purpose of gratifying concupiscence;" weakens the family, is addictive, and can act as an "accomplice" to sex offenders, child molesters, rapists and killers.

The report rejected the idea of legalizing pornography saying the suggestion was based on "bad libertarian arguments" which are promoted by small, non-representational groups. The cause of pornography was described as "pervasive moral permissiveness," pleasure seeking as an ultimate goal, profit motive and lack of public information about its various evils. Foley called for more private and public action by Catholics to clean up the "morally polluted environment" and "protect children." (*Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 7/89)

Arts Endowment Under More Fire

Charging that some National Endowment for the Arts grants were used for "morally reprehensible trash," Rep. Armey (R-Texas) said he would seek funding cuts for the Endowment. The group has also been the subject of persistent attacks by Senators Jesse Helms (who reportedly sent copies of what he considered pornographic pictures to all Members of Congress) and Alfonse D'Amato. Armey's criticism was of a show by the late artist Robert Mapplethorpe of "nude photographs of children, homoerotic self-portraits of men and a sadomasochistic self-portrait of the artist, and other morally repugnant materials of a sexual nature."

Mapplethorpe's exhibit was cancelled by Washington, DC's Corcoran Gallery and was defended by the gallery's director, Christina Orr-Cahall because she wanted to avoid a "major political controversy." Corcoran board member Elinor Farquhar defended the cancellation, saying she was protecting the rights of the artist "who had the right to have his work presented in a non-sensationalized, non-political environment ... this is not about censorship; in fact, this is the full artistic freedom that we all support." Both Mapplethorpe (who died of AIDS) and GeorgeOrwell were unavailable to comment on Ms Farquahar's conclusion that censorship is really freedom of expression.

However, the alternative location for the Mapplethorpe exhibit drew 5000 visitors, up from the usual 40 to 80 people per day and bookstore sales were 10 times normal.

The touring show of Mapplethorpe works will appear in Berkeley, CA January 17 through March 28, 1990, at the University Art Museum. (*Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 7/89)

Georgia Sodomy Prisoner Freed

James Mosley, convicted of having oral sex with his common-law wife of four years, was freed from Metro Correctional Institution late in August 1989 after spending 18 months behind bars. (S.F. Examiner, 8/31/89)

Kid Sex Ring at Subic Bay

Near Subic Bay, in the Philippines, a number of men have been implicated in a child sex ring. An American investigator posed as a customer and was offered 5 girls between 4 and 12 years old. One suspect has been arrested and, if convicted, can spend as much as 12 years in prison. Children as young as 4 years old were procured for customers for $15 to $25. Subic is not a tourist town: 95% of foreigners are American military personnel. (*Oldest Profession Times*, 8/89)

High Court And Other Decision-Makers

The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously struck down a 1988 law regulating "dial-a-porn" phone calls. In Justice Byron F. White's decision, he wrote that the law would have "the invalid effect of limiting the content of adult telephone conversations to that which is suitable for children to hear. The government may not reduce the adult population to only what is fit for children." Obscene messages are still banned, but the court did not make any further distinction between obscene and indecent. The ruling is said to cast doubt on another election year law that banned all "indecent" broadcasts on radio and television. Bush Administration officials had asked the Supreme Court to ban all obscene and indecent phone messages "to protect children from hearing patently offensive speech."

No word on how to keep patently offensive children off buses was offered. -Ed.

The same court sent back to Massachusetts the Oakes case, which used child pornography laws to arrest a man who took photographs of his partially-clad 14-year-old stepdaughter with her permission. (See SGADJ #4.)

Although the federal 8th Circuit Court of Appeals threw out charges of child pornography against Russell Zangger, brought on the basis of anti-circumcision tracts, federal attorneys in Sioux City, Iowa, say they are still considering re-prosecution. Zangger feels this is intended to prevent his prosecution of the postal service official who began the attacks. Referring to the threat of re-instatement of Federal charges, Zangger stated, "That is blackmail, pure and simple." (*Oldest Profession Times*, 8/89)

Lesbians Refuse SM Money

The Lesbian Battering Intervention Project (LBIP) of Minneapolis, MN, said it will not accept proceeds from a fundraiser sponsored by the Knights of Leather, a women's leather/SM group. LBIP's coordinator said their project "recognizes that there are lesbians who are victims of sadism and have been severely harmed by sadism. Because of this we are unable to accept any money from the Knights of Leather, an organization known as a leather/sadomasochism group."

Knights member Red Helbig said that LBIP was chosen to receive funds because it meets the Knights' criteria of a group that will better the community and can use the money, and because the Knights share LBIP's philosophy toward violence. "They think we're violent," said Helbig. "They haven't bothered to check out safe, sane, consensual S&M ..."

Sex and the S.F.P.D.

In early July a representative of the San Francisco Police Department stopped a men's JO party, confiscated equipment and money and issued a citation to the organizer for not having a cabaret license. The following night police entered a mixed men's and women's party and called in the Fire Department to close it because of fire code violations. At a July 22 meeting of the Sextine Chapel, members were visited by the San Francisco Fire Department, asked to see the manager and to see proof of licenses. After a half hour discussion, fire department personnel left the event. The Brothers of the Sextine Chapel and other groups meeting at that location have begun a campaign to call a halt to harassment at their events. They contend they are operating within the law, are not a cabaret (and therefore not liable for cabaret licensing), that some of the groups using the space are religious in nature, and that they have worked for several months to bring the space into compliance with city codes. The San Francisco Human Rights Commission heard its Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee recommend the commission have the San Francisco Police Department issue a written memo stating the Folsom Street space does not need police permits; that the police department will not engage in further raids without legal justification; and that the police department will attempt to resolve any future problems by negotiating with the groups using the space before resorting to more confrontative tactics. (*Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 9/89)

Family Definition Broadened

New York State Supreme Court extended the legal definition of a family to include lesbian and gay couples with respect to New York City's rent control regulations. After the death of a gay man in Manhattan the landlord tried to evict his surviving lover in order to raise the rent on the controlled apartment. Advocates of the poor and elderly praised the decision for expanding the rights of those not living in traditional relationships.

CA Republicans' Anti-Gay Proposals

Three anti-gay proposals were submitted to California's semiannual Republican convention in Anaheim. One would ban recognition of any gay Republican group. A second would ask President Bush to investigate the extent of involvement in gay prostitution by gay employees. The third would place homosexuality as inferior to heterosexuality and ineligible for equal consideration under the law. This last proposal drew the most attention since it defines gay acts in specific and sweeping terms. One was the suggestion gay sex involves gerbils (an idea inserted in the Congressional Record by Rep. Dannemeyer, author of the second and third proposals.) When Dannemeyer was asked to explain what he was talking about, he said gerbils were small animals and dildos were "similar to darning needles." State Assemblymember Filante, a physician, who posed the query, is said to have shaken his head mournfully and said, "I don't think so." More moderate Republicans (including Governor George Deukmejian and Senator Pete Wilson) tried to kill the measures, but Conservatives tied up the convention for hours. Eventually the convention recessed without approving any of the resolutions. (*Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 9/89)

Censorship

The Grand Rapids, Michigan, main library is subscribing to *Playboy* magazine on microfilm, which has no photographs. The new policy was announced in response to an anti-pornography group that said the magazine was available to minors. The microfilm version costs $49.80 a year, com-

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pare with $26.00 a year for the paper version.

British authorities are using a law against outraging public decency and public nuisance to prosecute an artist and gallery owner for showing earrings made of freeze-dried fetuses. If they had used the Obscene Publications Act they would have been subject to defense of artistic merit. The public decency law has no such restraints on authorities. The source of the litigation was not a public complaint, but a letter from a newspaper to the police. (*Journal of Sexual Liberty* 9/89)

Teach the Children ...

Boron, CA, banned "The Catcher in the Rye" from its school list because of the profanity contained in it. English teacher Shelley Keller-Gage decided to replace it with Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451," where bookburning is a social duty imposed on "firefighters." "I'm not doing it in relation to the school board decision," Ms Keller-Gage noted. "It is an ironic coincidence, you might say." (*Oldest Profession Times*, 10/89)

Late AIDS News

Former prostitutes have been hired by Ethiopia's Ministry of Health to conduct AIDS education. Condoms are distributed as part of the program.

Some authorities are calling for an expanded effort against AIDS among teenagers. The New York Times reports heterosexual transmission is widespread because "many teen-agers have multiple sex partners and very few use condoms."

Despite the fact that most people know the risk of contracting AIDS through contact with a doctor is extremely low, most people would not go to a doctor they knew had AIDS, and a majority think his license should be suspended.

Canadian college students surveyed indicated 80% knew condoms were the best protection against HIV but only 19% used them. (*Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 10/89)

More Censorship

California Governor Deukmejian signed a bill requiring video stores to display "adults only" videos in a special section. The bill forbids selling such films to minors and urges they put R-rated films in a similar section. Deukmejian also signed a law making possession of child pornography a crime punishable by up the 3 years in prison. The law applies to videotapes and slides as well as to photographs of children under age 14 engaged in sexual acts. A similar, older, law will be considered by the Supreme Court in its next session.

The Supreme Court refused to hear a suit brought by Andrea Dworkin, who said sexually-explicit photographs in Hustler magazine libeled her and invaded her privacy.

Reverend Donald Wildmon of the National Federation of Decency listed one of his "top goals" for 1989 to force 3 TV shows, "Heartbeat," "Hooperman" and "thirty-something" off the air because they promote the homosexual lifestyle and portray practicing homosexuals in a positive light.

A South San Jose, CA, couple is suing San Jose police, claiming the police broke down the door of the family's home, detained the family for hours and then released them without making an arrest. Police accused the couple of child molestation, child pornography and having their children live in an undesirable environment. The police had been alerted to the couple by a photo lab that saw pictures of children playing in a bathtub. (*Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 10/89)

Art and Censorship

Advertisers pulled $1.5 million of commitments from "thirty-something" in fear a scene of two gay men in bed would damage the advertisers' images. ABC, the broadcasting network, did not say who the advertisers were. It is reported ABC received 400 phone calls after the show, 90% of them negative, and 50 letters, all favorable. (*Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 11-12/89)

Religious News

A group of students from Zion Lutheran School in Minnesota wrote to President Bush and the post office complaining the dinosaur postage stamps promote evolution and asked for equal time for creationism.

St. Francis Lutheran church (San Francisco) has defied the Evangelical Lutheran Church by hiring a Lesbian couple as assistant pastors of its congregation. By a 45 - 6 vote, the church hired the two women to fill one post and to do outreach work with the Lutheran Gay and Lesbian Ministry.

At a meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Salt Lake City, UT), sociologists said there is "not a shred of evidence" that the small number of satanic cults in this country is significant or spreading. The sociologists said it had become faddish for patients in therapy to claim they were once part of a satanic club, but allegedly satanic groups often turn out to have drugs, love triangles, or some other reason for crime. Fundamentalists have recently attacked Halloween observances as encouraging belief in the occult. October publications from Jerry Falwell and fundamentalist broadcaster James Dobson have encouraged parents to look for signs of satanism in their children's acts and possessions. A report of the Los Angeles County Commission on Women links "ritual abuse" to satanist cult activity. A Salt Lake City psychologist claimed she was treating 14 people who claimed they were survivors of a satanist "breeder cult." The panelists suggested the breeder story was similar to stories about being abducted by UFO's. (*Journal of Sexual Liberty*, 11 - 12/89)

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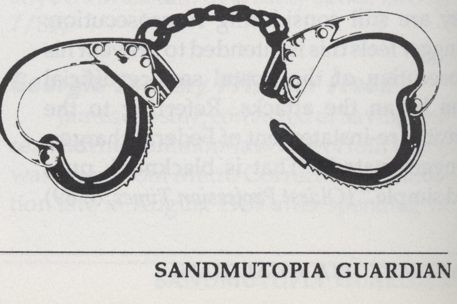

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Victoria on The Cross: The Top spends more time kneeling than the bottom does.

AN INTERVIEW WITH

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By Carol Truscott

Jay Marston was born in and raised in New York City, the youngest of three children. Her childhood was unconventional and she prefers not to talk about it.

SG: When did you discover your interest in SM?

JM: It took me a long time to figure it out, because I fought it. I started experimenting with it in my teens. I was working with rock and roll bands and on the road I ran into all different kinds of sex. I tried groupies because everyone does that. And that was where I had my first brush with my interest in SM. The musician appears to have a lot more power than the person they're with, and you really feel that. Although the reality of the sex was nothing like my fantasy of the power dynamic, I realized my interest in that dynamic. I usually like to be the dominant sex partner, so when I was with the boys, I was on top, and I just preferred to "control the fuck." So that was something I did ever since I became sexual.

SG: In that sense, sliding into SM as a Top was an extension ...

JM: I actually got a bit coerced into it. It was thirteen years ago, in San Diego, and I had a boyfriend and he moved in with me, and that's when he came out with it. Bombs away! He wanted to bottom to me, for me to do certain things to him, like role-playing, bondage and stuff. I felt comfortable about some of them, but some things were not comfortable. He didn't have a philosophy of what people do. In San Francisco, you have real access to that, but there was no philosophical thing to it in San Diego at that time.

My friends in the band knew it before I did, that I'd gotten into SM. I was the last to know. I attracted a stream of SM people on the road before I figured out, "OH! Okay, that's what it's all about." I played heavy metal for a long time and I cut myself up on the guitar onstage. I'd be all black and blue and there'd be blood on the strings and I thought that's what this music is supposed to be, and I got really high from it. What I was getting was an endorphin high, a combination of masochism and the extreme power of being part of the music that was moving the audience. I think a lot of people who are into heavier music get that kind of experience.

A lot of times the music itself has some of the same qualities that SM does. There's a mental set that comes from the discipline that makes me think the heaviest top in the world is an orchestra conductor, and classical music is the most SM music there is. (laughter)

SG: You said your first partner had no philosophy of SM and that you've run into philosophies since then. Have you evolved your own philosophy? What's it about for you?

JM: It took me years to just figure out I was into SM and to get comfortable with that. I decided to accept myself. In my case I had a Catholic background, and it's amazing how you can think you got rid of it years ago, but there's still residual that can hang out ... and the last one for me was really believing there ain't no devil.

I had to actually believe that I had control over myself and that whatever I built inside of myself as a spirit being, however my character developed and who I became, is what I would take with me, and there'd be nothing more and nothing less than that afterwards. Without being capable of taking responsibility for themselves, a person can't give up or take control in a positive, constructive manner in SM.

Both the bottom and the Top have a mutual responsibility to make the scene work. It's really important to learn about balance, and perspective. You must be able to communicate, not only if the scene is going well, but if it's not going well, and that's got to be all right between you. It takes trust to do that. And mutual respect. And you've got to be humble. That doesn't mean you can't be aggressive. You can be aggressive and still be humble and have respect for yourself and others.

SG: The first thing I noticed when I came upstairs after you had Victoria crucified was that the equipment was very safely designed and installed. That's why I had Chris take those pictures. I noticed also she was attachedto it in a way that she could not be harmed, and as I watched you I was aware of how careful you are, even in great enthusiasm, and I suspect that's one of the elements, the precision, the attention to detail, that's part of it for you.

JM: I think with anything you do with another person, have everything ready, everything laid out. I don't think you can be too careful. And you have to be ready for anything, because sometimes things happen. When we did the 6-3/4 Perverts, (an evening of SM performances), one of the performers had his boyfriend bound to a ladder. He was attaching clamps with long pieces of strings connected, turning the bottom into a puppet. The ladder very slowly started to topple over. Without breaking rhythm, the Top quietly caught the ladder and set it back up. He didn't break his rhythm at all, just picked up the strings and continued his piece. That's the best way to do it, just be there and the bottom knows you're supporting and taking care of it and you're on top of it.

I think another thing is it seems like you have to keep re-learning, giving people the space to be themselves and constantly change. People just aren't the same all the time and it's true in SM play as well as in life in general. People are always changing. Quite a while ago when I had been Topping for a while, I wanted to bottom heavily for a change. I got a lot of static from my friends. Now it seems like things are getting better that way.

Back then bottoms weren't "supposed" to own their own toys and I had a three-room dungeon. I built all my gear and I liked being in touch with it whether I was in a bottom or a Top head-space. I feel like you really should be encouraged to feel like it's okay to do what you want. There's still some of that disapproval, but I don't think it's as bad as it was. It used to be if you started switching and being something else, people looked at you like you'd just lost a rung off your ladder, when it really should be the opposite, that you're versatile. It's a matter of respect. I totally believe that a person shouldn't be judged negatively for being a femme or a bottom, or their position considered "less than" a butch or a Top. I think it takes a hell of a lot of nerve to bottom, and bottoms deserve an awful lot of respect for what they are willing to put on the line. That should be appreciated and bottoms shouldn't be treated as though they're greedy, "do-me" queens.

SG: Isn't that what we get from outside, from non-SM people, is kind of a general-purpose "you're not OK because of your SM" and yet if I'm understanding you correctly, you're saying that some people within the SM community are taking the position that you're not OK if you're a this or if that's the way you play.

JM: Well, you know it happens. I think just because somebody has dealt with prejudice of one sort doesn't mean that they learn not to be prejudiced in all other ways. A lot of people of get settled with just that, and they don't come at the prejudice across the board, in other parts of their lives. I think SM is an art form, and any lesson you learn is a living rule, a rule in life. So, in this case, it's a question of tolerance. Anyone being marginalized for their difference feels pain, just as we have because of our SM.

SG: We're lucky here in having such a large number of people in the SM community who are "out" about it. I'd guess, given the estimate Dr. Moser gave in his interview with me (SGADJ #4) there are probably at least 10,000 to 15,000 SM people in the San Francisco Bay Area alone.

JM: Yes, this is where I finally got comfortable. Eventually I came down here and worked at Image Leather. I had support and had people saying "you're okay" and I could share and enjoy being out in SM with my co-workers. A lot of times before that I was isolated or felt like certain forms of my work defined who I was and limited me. I think I got given strength from Image Leather and I just decided that wherever I go it's okay to be who I am and whoever can't deal with it, that's their problem and I'm not going to accept it as MY problem.

I suppose a lot of places don't have this but I feel like it's so essential to have some kind of network for support. The isolation can really stop a person from developing and doesn't allow you to know if who you're playing with is safe, sane and consensual.

SG: So how did you get into leather and making things and where did you learn to produce those incredible whips?

JM: As a kid I desperately wanted a leather jacket

"This is a nice whip to let fall down the entire body, a whole body massage if you don't throw it real hard. You can just let it trickle down the entire body, around the shoulders, kind of like a lot of great, big magic fingers. And I like the weight of it. It's heavy and the weight of the whip starts doing the work if you spin it from the back part of the handle instead of from the middle. I don't hold it tight, but kind of weightless ... all the spin comes out of the wrist so that it becomes so you're not using your shoulder, using hardly any of your elbow and a little bit of your hand, and it just rolls, the weight of the whip just pushes it along."

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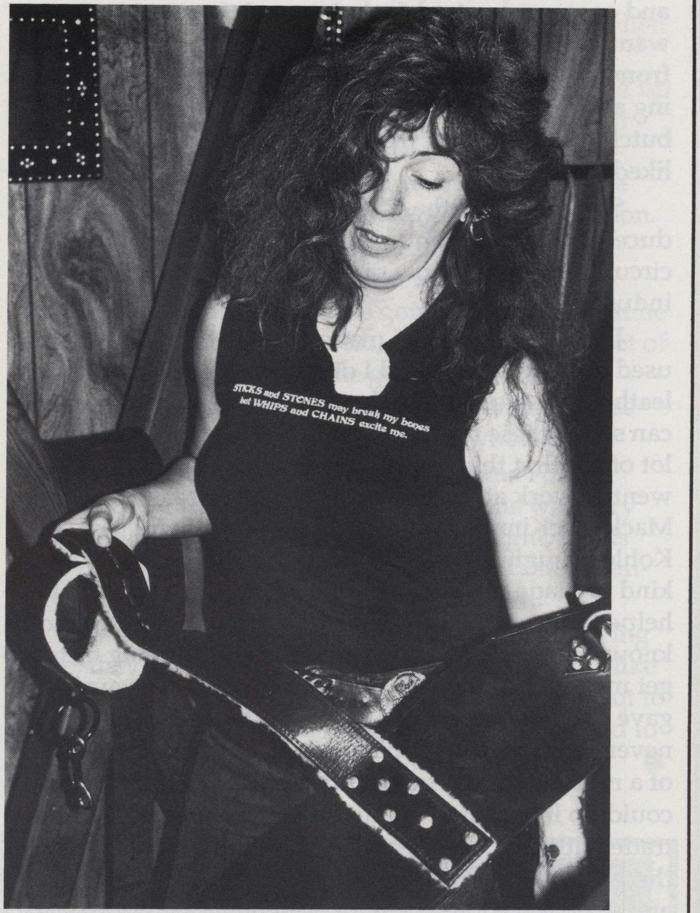
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Protective Harness: The bottom part of the harness goes around the waist. A sheepskin-lined strip goes up the spine, and the collar is attached to the vertical strip. Jay made this particularly for bull-whipping. If you want to use it for a "regular whipping," the spine protector can be removed.

As it was designed, it's a combination spine protector, posture collar and kidney belt. The whip strokes will be carried through the leather, and the backing gives some cushioning, to protect the parts that you can only damage once: kidneys and spine. The top vertebra, where the spine connects with the head, is very vulnerable, so the neck is covered all the way up. Jay doesn't show this item in the catalog, because it has to be precisely measured. It's a high-ticket item, uses a lot of leather and has to be perfect. She tries to keep it an affordable price. It's particularly good for novice Tops, someone who can handle a whip but is not yet very skilled. A more experienced Top might want to use one to do a stand-up whipping, which takes a lot of control.

and engineer boots. My dad was a biker, and he really wanted a son. About the only way I got any attention from him was if I did boy things. He was real encouraging about things like hunting and shooting, anything butch. So I think that that was related to why I always liked leather.

SG: What was the first leather thing that you produced with your own hands and mind? What were the circumstances and how did it turn into this cottage industry?

JM: The first thing I made is a pair of restraints. I used an X-acto knife and I didn't know anything about leather, so I went to Tandy. And I thought, "Let's see, I can screw these together and it'll hold ..." I held on to a lot of the first things that I made for a few years. When I went to work at Image Leather I started really learning. Mack MacKinnon taught me a lot of stuff and Jerry Kohloff taught me a lot of stuff, and Ron Black. They kind of made me into the craftsperson I am today. They helped my crafts a lot. And Mack, even though he didn't know how to make whips, was the encouraging factor to get me to make them. The very first one I ever made I gave to Mack. He started doing the weaving and he never finished it, so I finished Mack's whip. It was kind of a mutual effort. I forced myself to keep learning it so I could do it because I wanted to have a product I could trade with the other people in the shop. Everyone else there did certain things that they didn't do in the shop, and that they could trade for each other's products. Mack did rubber work, for instance, but he didn't do it in the shop at all. He made entire rubber outfits sort of Levi's denim jackets and 501's, all in rubber.

SG: You turned whip making into your specialty.

JM: Yes. I had bought so many whips, and I realized it was really expensive. I had about 20 whips and I still wanted more and better.

SG: Now that you're making them ...

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JM: Now that I'm making them I have less than ever, and I can't explain that.

SG: Now you can have all the whips you want and yet you've narrowed it down to a few that you actually use, right?

JM: Well, I have about 5 that are my favorites. They're for different things. I have one that I really like, that I pretty much only use for rear entry stuff and having the person down doggie style. It's just a really nice approach for fucking and whipping at the same time. I like that whip: it's a latigo strip whip with 30 or 40 strands on it. It's really comfortable and it spins really good and it just seems to work out really nice. I've gotten good feedback about it. Works well for me, works well for the bottom.

SG: You've also done a lot with designing restraints that are magnificently finished. They look complete, not like some of the stuff that comes from most of the mail order catalogs. And it seems like you're paying more attention to the anatomy that the restraints are used on.

JM: I've had some of the typical restraint-caused damage myself. If you're not careful or you use the restraints for the wrong thing, you can screw up the nerves that go to your thumb. I've tried to make softer edges sometimes by folding the leather over a number of times. There's actually a right and a left cuff, with no sharp edge going across the base of the thumb, and the leather gives enough so it will mushroom out a little and not damage the wrist. Another thing I use is a leather lining, starting with a very soft leather instead of using something like latigo, a hard belt leather, and lining that. If you take a soft leather and double it and then leather-line it, you have a really nice, comfortable edge. None of those designs are for suspension, of course. You don't really want to lift a person off their feet with any of the designs that are in my catalog.

SG: Do you do suspension restraints?

JM: I don't right now. I have a bunch of design ideas that I'd like to catch up with, and I'm trying to make the time to do it.

SG: Can we talk about The One and Only San Francisco Precision Whip Drill Team now?

JM:The Drill team originated when I first started fetishizing whips. I'd put on some music and stand at the mirror and do something like air guitar only air whips. I'd do routines, movements that I mixed with num-chuk moves from karate and dance moves and that sort of stuff. The Whip Drill Team came out of that. I was talking about what I'd been doing in front of the mirror while we were waiting to march in the 1986 Lesbian Gay Freedom Day parade to a few people and they were very enthusiastic and said I should start a whip drill team.

I showed the people I was talking to some moves, figure 8's, over the shoulder num-chuk moves, maybe something through my legs, a few moves that showed them what I was thinking of doing. I thought we'd have drummers marching and people doing all these whip routines. They thought that would be great for the next year's parade. A few people were into doing it, so that actually gave me the motivation. I don't think I'd have done it without their enthusiasm and motivation.

We started getting together and advertising that we were doing it, put up flyers in some places where SM people hang out, used word of mouth, a columnist in one of the lesbian-gay community newspapers ran an item in his column. We used the club network. We wanted anyone who was interested to get involved and it just evolved itself. One woman who was in it early on had a military background and also knew about batons and twirling so she added that. Actually she and I developed the routines. She added the flimflams ...

SG: And you had the martial arts moves ...

JM: I had the martial arts and the silly stuff, like slapping your butt and slapping your feet with kicks, sort of like karate and figure-8's and reverse figure-8's and that kind of thing. The Whip Drill Team members gained a lot of skill by practicing the routines. I think it affected everybody with the team.

I designed a whip especially for that. I wanted to keep the cost down. I wanted to make it something everybody could join. They all had to be identical. If you wanted to throw the whip you had to be able to be working with the same thing and have things look uniform. They had to all be the same length. We didn't want to have a bunch of different ones. So there was an official Drill Team whip, which a lot of the members used forthings besides the routines.

SG: How much time went into developing the routines and preparing for your maiden performance, (in the Lesbian Gay Freedom Day Parade of 1987)? That was the year that the team won the Cable Car Award for the Most Outrageous contingent in the parade. And that was the second year that there was a Bay Area SM Community contingent.

JM: I think the drill team did good things for me because it showed another side of the SM community to on-lookers, something that was truly funny and was also a labor of love. It took a lot of people's time: two women made the banners for the team. One created the original artwork for the flyers. It took so much time and energy of so many people that we considered it an art piece. I feel like the pinnacle of it was getting the Cable Car Award.

SG: How many people were on the team?

JM: I think it was 17 or 18 people. And the second year there were even more. And the second year the single-tail whips were added to the routines as well.

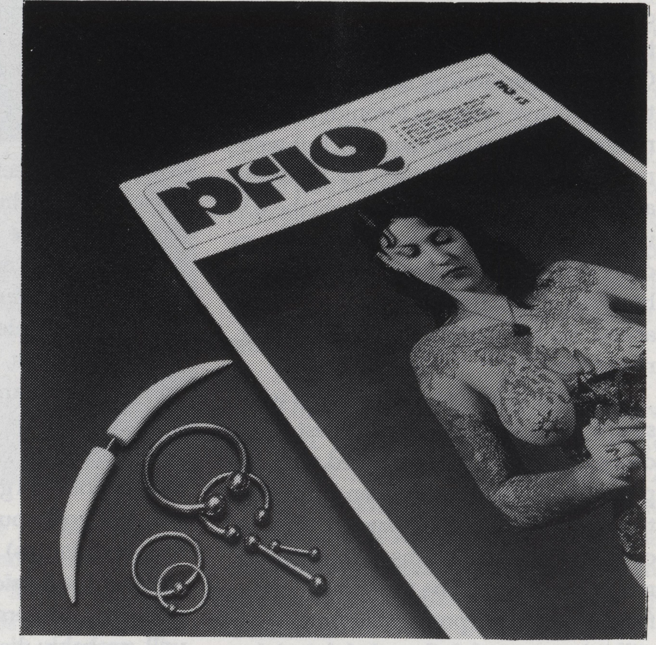
I think it's something that grows out of the community. It couldn't happen just because I wanted to do it. It took a bunch of people to say, oh, yeah, what a great idea, and all of them had their own reasons for getting involved.

One of the things that really touched me about it was Mark. When he first got involved, he could barely stand up. He had recently been very sick with an AIDS-related illness and he came to practice walking with a cane. He said, "I really want to do this." He tried to work the whip, and he had problems because his coordination and strength were so damaged, but when we told him there was going to be a drum he said, "OH! I want to play drum." And by the time we got up to march, he was able to carry the big bass drum for the whole length of the parade, and he was tremendously pleased with himself. Of course he spent the next two weeks in bed recuperating from the exertion.

Wanting to march was an incentive for him. I really felt working with the team was an incentive through that time, that he was going to make it, that he gave himself a goal to fight for, and I really saw a lot of improvement in him. And he got a lot of things he wanted to get done afterwards, too. That for me was probably the most exciting part of the whole thing.

SG: I remember he also marched at the Folsom Street Fair, with the snare drum. I know he was very proud of himself for that. I think you're right, it was kind of the kick in the pants he needed to take advantage of what the AZT was able to do for him.

JM: There were a lot of different reasons for being there, they were very personal. The group became like a family for a while, we worked out together, we got to know each other and care about each other, listened to each other's problems, watched people grow. ■



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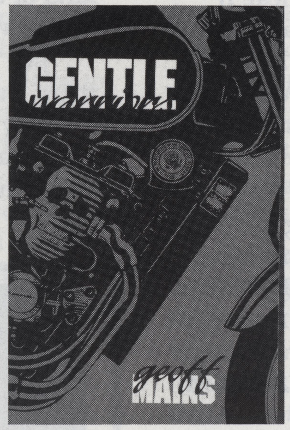
Escaping The Inescapable Realities of Our Time: *A potboiler with an important message for people living in the Age of AIDS*

Gentle Warriors by Geoff Mains, author of the gay male leathersex classic, *Urban Aboriginals*, was in the bindery in the third week of June. Everything had been done to hurry along the production of the book. It was the publisher's intention that the author should, at any cost, see his finished book. When Mains died on June 21 of AIDS-related causes, he had indeed seen the printed pages and the finished cover, only the final steps of the bindery process were still incomplete.

Now there are some questions that can probably never be answered, but they will be asked: If it were not for Geoff's deteriorating condition, might the book have been put through another re-write in those last months? If it were not for the rush, inspired by kindness and concern for the author, might the editing and proofing of the book have been done differently? If he were not in the hospital at the time, might Geoff have asked for corrections that were, in fact, never made?

Gentle Warriors suffers from what seems to be less than Geoff's best final-draught writing. It is cluttered with typographical errors, and laden with repetitions and unnecessary paragraphs. In a couple of places, it seems that scenes are not in what would be the "right" order for the overall purposes of the book. And still it is a powerful, thoughtful, insightful, and stimulating book. Every person who cares about the AIDS epidemic and the tens of thousands who are dying in it must read this book. Everyone who is involved in leathersex will find it evocative and poignant. You don't have to be an intelligent, gay, white, middle-class, male San Francisco immigrant as Geoff was to be moved by Gentle Warriors.

If you didn't know Geoff Mains, you will once you read this book, but let me introduce you: He was a gentle man of violent passions. He was a kind man who could imagine cruel vengeance. He was a sweet and serious spiritual traveller with a temper that could go from zero to sixty in immeasurably tiny fractions of a second and evaporate even faster. He was a degreed pharmacologist, an experienced environmental engineer, and a steady light in the world of leather and SM. Toward the end, Geoff often slipped into a defeated (or defeatist) funk that belied his usually steadfast belief in fighting anyone any time for what he and his people deserved: the right to be as they are, to live as they choose, to love whom they would, and to do in private whatever they wanted to do.



All these seeming contradictions that were Geoff Mains, and others he never showed me, are braided together in the dense thickets and clear stretches of the plot of *Gentle Warriors*. In the world of the book, it is revealed that the CIA invented the AIDS virus, tested it in Africa, then intentionally planted it among disposable and undesirable Americans, gay men of New York City. The revelation comes as no real surprise to a group of West Coast leathermen (Geoff would never have let it be just San Franciscans) who are already plotting to infect the President of the United States with HIV, understanding that all of them will probably die in the process.

Since the book, to use Geoff's word for it, is a "potboiler," it really wouldn't be appropriate to reveal too much of the plot, but there is a key buried in this book that a lot of readers seem to be missing altogether. Here it is. Read this, then just let it slide onto the back burner of your mind until the seeming hopelessness of the conspiring leathermen's situation makes Gentle Warriors all but unbearable. Then, when the drubbing, "no way out" tone of the book pushes you to the breaking point, remember this key: There is one person among the gay lovers in the book , Marc, a Meti (half French Canadian, half Native Canadian) , who regularly escapes the conditions of The City, the swirling epidemic, the news of the CIA's involvement, and the plot to infect the president. This one person has the answer they might all have used, one way and another, if only to retain their dignity, their sense of perspective, and contact with the joys they have only in memories.

Marc's answer to the dilemma of our time is one of Geoff's answers and, like the characters in the book, we have a glancing awareness of it in our surroundings. But, like the men in the book, we dismiss the route that is opened for us by people like Marc, and we very rarely slip through the doors that are kept ajar for us. Beyond those doors Geoff tells us by showing us Marc's success lie hopes and options that will die if no one comes to claim them, possibilities that are endangered by our ignorance of them.

The point, in the simplest terms, is that there is a way out of our no-win situation, but it is a way that can only be approached spiritually. Maybe some people will reject Marc's (and Geoff's) spiritual solutions out of hand, but some people must and surely will see what is there - and all around us - to be seen. And, as the book winds down, Marc is joined in his escape by another man, Brian, whose access to this special state of grace is not won through the usual paths of spirituality, at least not directly.

In any case, if you go into it forewarned about the editing and proofing problems, you will definitely enjoy Gentle Warriors and the very surprising resolution of its gnarled plot.

Besides, if you live in the West and are in the leathersex scene, you probably have lost at least a few friends to AIDS. It might do you some good to see how lovingly and wholesomely these people are memorialized and how grandly the leathersex lifestyle is celebrated in Geoff Mains' last book.

-Joseph W. Bean

Gentle Warriors by Geoff Mains. Knights Press, Stamford, CT 299 pages, $9.50, paperback This book can be ordered from Desmodus, Inc.

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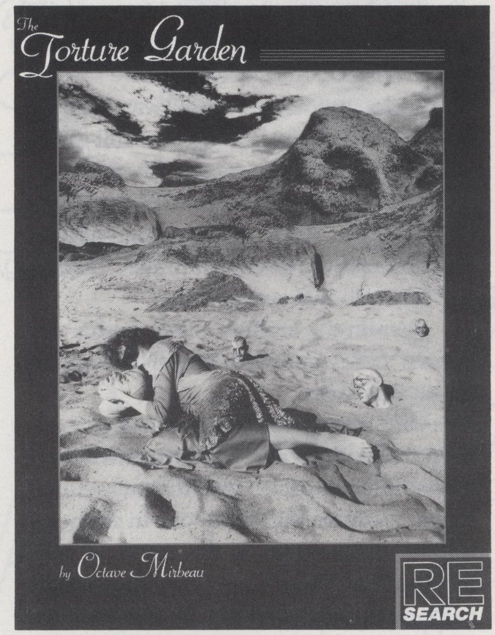
Garden of Unearthly "Delights"

"I honestly believe that murder is the greatest human preoccupation, and that all our acts stem from it." Gustave Mirbeau, 1899.

First published in France in 1899, and translated into English in 1929, Octave Mirbeau's The Torture Garden is one of those books many people refer to but very few have read, with good reason. Taken out of its historical context and in a lackluster English translation, it is extraordinarily tedious. The book's fame has resulted from two attributes: the fact that it is yet another French treatment of the theme of "the beautiful woman without mercy," and Mirbeau's description of a Chinese torture garden, an institution in which slow ritual murder is presented as an elaborate art form.

The RE/Search edition is enlivened by some marvelous misty and romantic photographs done by Bobby Neel Adams, each a delicious illustration of one of the more poetic lines from the manuscript. Though they are a bit too gauzy for my taste except for the shaven heads buried in sand on page 74 ("So they wouldn't die too fast they watered them from time to time, like cabbages.") and the sharply focused pearls in the hands of the shrouded woman on page 120 ("The pearls died on her skin; little by little...they changed into balls of ash") they do capture the overblown and voluptuous language of the text. They seem to be attempting to embody insatiable cruelty and decadent corruption, at least as those terms might be envisioned by a poetic French novelist who has been drowning his sorrows in too much absinthe and opium.

Like many erotic classics, The Torture Garden is categorized by literary historians as a work of political protest. The pretext this time is the bitter and ironic tale of how the unnamed hero failed to win election in a totally corrupt society and afterwards went off at government expense to research the exotic climes of Ceylon. His conversations with the explorers and gentlemen traders provide much of the critical weight ascribed to the book. When he asks one of his companions why it is necessary to kill natives the reply is "to civilize them, that is to take their stocks of ivory..." (page 42). On the ship he also encounters a mysterious wealthy Englishwoman, Clara, a completely "modern" woman who does not believe in marriage and who takes him as a lover though not without a few mysterious warnings about her own evil nature. Clara turns out, eventually, to be quite mad apparently driven so by her indulgence in the torture garden itself- and possibly murderous. There is every suggestion that she has arranged for her female lover, whom she generously shares with the Frenchman, to be infected by a hideous disease that first rots her alive and then slowly kills her. In any case Clara certainly enjoys recounting the horrible progress of the disease.



Frankly, I found the garden itself a little bit of a let-down, nowhere near as horrible and shocking as Mirbeau apparently intended. Clara keeps swooning with lust and horror but it all sounds a bit tacky actually. The height of cruelty in the garden is death by the bell, by which a victim is chained down beneath a giant bell, first deafened and then driven mad by the force of the powerful vibrations above him. Clara can just barely stand it. Our hero is appalled. The trick of the text is that all thatcruelty and decadence are somehow the responsibility of the female, not the hero. While the narrator initially portrays himself as the most wicked of Frenchmen, the true villain is the cruel and voluptuous woman. The whole nasty story, after all, is an after-dinner story he tells years later after he has become a philosopher of cruelty and despair. He goes on and on about "elegant" versus "inelegant" murder, telling his dinner companions that, "Among women there are no moral categories, only social categories," and "Woman possesses the cosmic force of an element, an invincible force of destruction, like nature's ... Being the matrix of life, she is by that very fact the matrix of death." (page 15-16) All of which seems merely another case in which the man gets to rave on about death and rot, murder and lust, and how hard his dick got in the presence of all that blood and torn flesh, and still plead in the end that it really had nothing to do with him. It was the woman's fault. He would never have wound up in the garden but for her. Uh Huh. Right.

Theoretically Mirbeau was writing a critique of sexual mores, of the status of women, and even of the corruption of the state. No doubt those sections where Clara actually expresses lust, a sense of her own authority and contempt for her lover's hesitant desires were far and away the most radical of such expressions in 1899. But ninety years later there is altogether too much traditional sexism in Mirbeau's text. His vision of the world as a Torture Garden is a radical critique of imperialist Europe. The pity is he couldn't have imagined the Torture Garden without Clara to blame it on. Dorothy Allison

The Torture Garden, by Octave Mirbeau. RE/Search Publications, 20 Romolo, # B, San Francisco, CA 94133, 120 pages, 1989, $11.99. Black and White photos by Bobby Neel Adams. The Torture Garden can be ordered from Desmodus, Inc. Use the order form in this issue of The Guardian.

Note: Dorothy Allison is the author of Trash, a collection of short stories available from Firebrand Books and winner of the 1988 Lambda Literary awards for lesbian fiction and lesbian small press book.

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JAY BOB RE-MEMBERS

THE MALE MEMBER; Being a Compendium of Facts, Figures, Foibles, and Anecdotes about the Loving Organ by Kit Schwartz could have been re-titled, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about That Thing." Kit Schwartz takes us chapter by chapter from one end of the subject to the other. She gives us no less than seven pages of slang terms for the old boy, and that list didn't include a few I had heard of.

The animal world gets covered. I pity the poor male octopus, who fires it at a female like a torpedo and leaves it in her when he's done — thus giving rise to reports of nine-armed octopi. On the other hand, I envy (I think) the male pig who comes a full pint.

She seems to love talking about castration, devoting an entire chapter to it and mentioning it numerous other times throughout the book. Her description of the four degrees of male castration left me with an entirely new perspective on the term "clean shaven." She also mentions the Roman Phrygian Mother of the Gods and her high priestess Cybele who was attended by castrated males. (Why does that name ring a bell?) Anyhow, Cybele sponsored an annual spring fertility festival in which males castrated themselves (?!) and thereafter lived as women.

Various historical figures are mentioned, and some myths dispelled. Hitler, for example, was in good shape, as was Napoleon (before he arrived on Elba, anyway). Rasputin had a full 13 inches, and very nearly prevented World War I. He probably would have prevented it if an ignorant woman hadn't delayed him. Freud and Havelock Ellis are revealed as being almost entirely talk.

Published in 1985, there's not too much mention of AIDS. She devotes only about one page to it. Endless, and eventually boring-bordering-on-nauseating cutie-pie play-on-words fu. Kit, too much is way, way too much.

Only a two on the kink meter. She seems to think that male masochism is rather cute but makes the astonishing statement that: "Many sadists wind up as jailbirds." Who has this woman been talking to? She appears to have never heard of Janus, TES, or anything about consensuality, limits and so forth. Her genuine understanding of the realities of SM is nonexistent.

SM media award nomination (a "Sammy") for proving once again that membership does indeed have its own, unique privileges (and problems). One on a scale of one to ten, with ten highest, three strokes. Jay Bob says whip it out.

"The Female Member," also by Kit Schwartz, gives us the other side, so to speak, of the coin.

Again with the endless cutie-pie playing on words—chapter after chapter after chapter, ad infinitum, ad nauseum, ad vomitorium. Most of us outgrew this stuff in junior high school, some in high school, and the real laggards didn't outgrow it until college. Kit never did. It's a shame and an embarrassment. Her editor should be shot.

Going beyond that, there's some interesting stuff. Hitler gets over a dozen pages. We learn that no fewer than nine of his lovers decided to kill themselves (and did) after becoming involved with him - usually because they thought he was going to leave them. We also find out that there's fairly convincing evidence that he was a heavy bottom - into being kicked and shit on by athletic, Aryan-type women. There are essentially no other references to SM throughout the book. We're talking a one-half on the kink meter. I guess Kit thinks, "Ladies just don't do that sort of thing."

Seemingly endless slang terms for "down there" are listed; the columns go on for eleven pages.

One utterly astonishing fact that almost makes the whole book worthwhile no matter what its other (read that numerous) faults. We learn that about one in every 1.6 million pregnancies is the result of self-fertilization. There have been three medically-documented cases in the western world since the end of World War II, including an ovarian tumor that produced both viable ova and viable sperm. This means two things: (1) The Vatican may owe most of the civilized world a gigantic-beyond-comprehension apology. (2) Somewhere there is a heavy-duty feminist separatist with a degree in genetics whose prayers have been answered.

Kit has mixed emotions about prostitution. She talks about Ninon of France who was active for most of the 17th century, and regarded as the all-time-champion of prostitution. She sees them as pioneering, independent businesswomen - early feminists.

I could go on, but why bother? The book suffers from a terminal case of "sequelitis." It is boring, trite, only occasionally interesting, and written with a strong and none-too-subtle undercurrent of hostility for men. On a scale of one to ten, ten highest, I give it zero strokes. Jay Bob says chuck it out. -Jay Bob Diggs

The Male Member (1985) and The Female Member (1988) by Kit Schwartz, published by St. Martin's Press, NY.

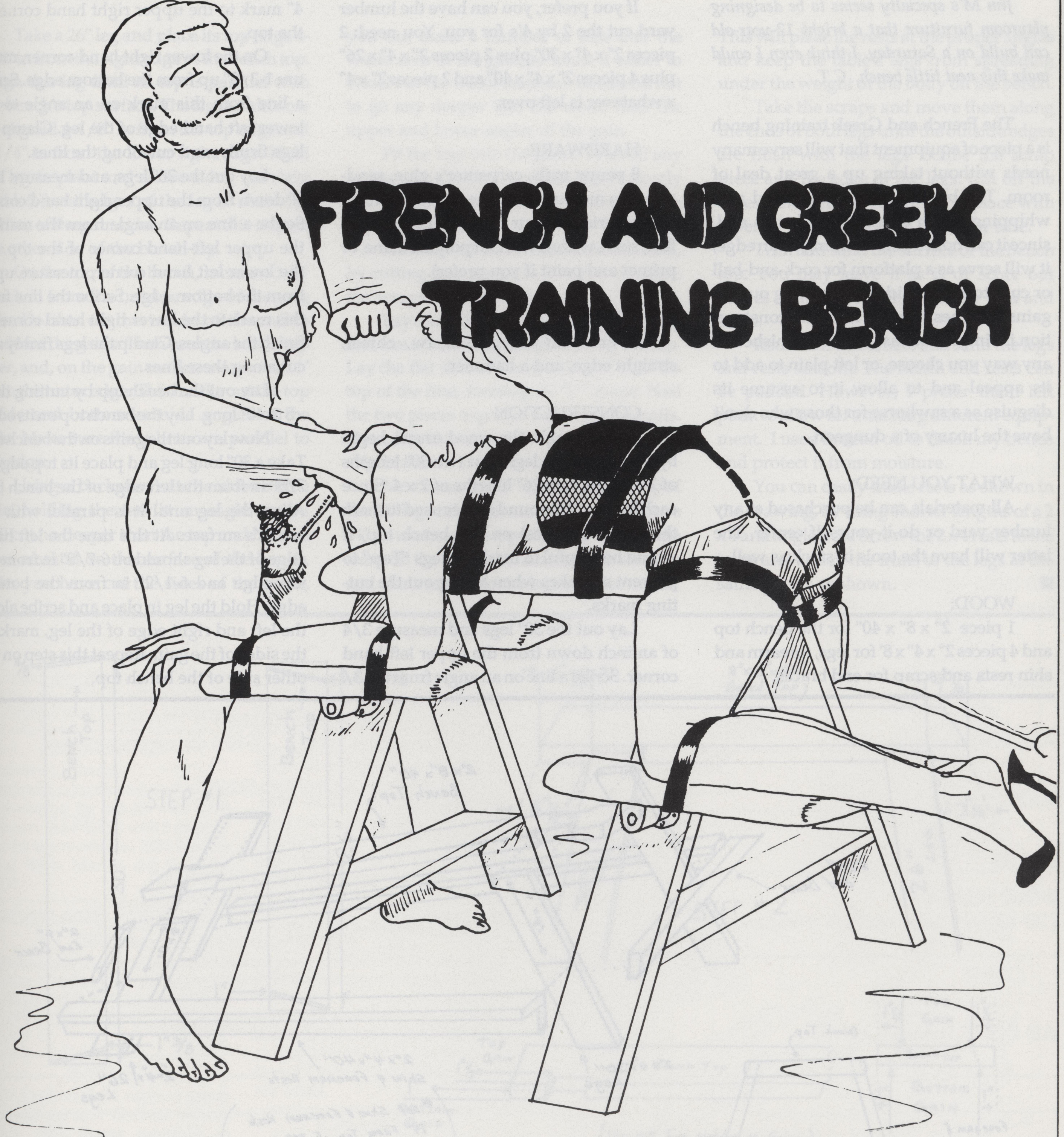
PSEUDO SLAVE TRAINING

Despite its sober title, *Behavior Modification* contains enough sensationalism to make it a worthy companion to other, more flamboyantly-titled Paladin Press publications such as *Death Dealer's Manual*, *Mastering the Art of Male Supremacy*, and *The Joy of Cold Revenge*. The reader is presented with account after account of the abuse of prisoners, school children, veterans, and the elderly by megalomanic social scientists who use various methods, primarily drugs or psychosurgery, to break their victims' wills and to force them to conform. Who are these scientists with delusions of godhood? They are the behaviorists, the "murderers of the mind," the disciples of B. F. Skinner, and "socialist liberals." Their credo of behaviorism is "more than a school of psychology; it is a cult... engaged in a `holy war' against what they call the `enemies of social progress.' This means any person who believes in the American Bill of Rights." Their goal is to turn us all into mindless robots. And so on.

The reader who looks for substance in this work will be disappointed. Author Camellion draws sweeping and often extravagant conclusions from slim evidence, aided by non sequiturs and questionable assumptions. Since he concentrates on the use of drugs and psychosurgery in controlling and changing behavior, most of the techniques are not readily adaptable for use in SM scenes. Spend your ten dollars on something else. —Sandy

Behavior Modification by Richard Camellion. Boulder, CO.: Paladin Press, 1978. 0-87364-100-0 (paperback): $10.00. 129 pages. ■

FRENCH AND GREEK TRAINING BENCH



By Jim M.

Artist's Impression: This drawing inspired Jim to design the French and Greek Training Bench. Following the instructions and making the shin and arm rests one continuous piece will produce a more stable unit.

The French Greek Training Bench

Jim M's specialty seems to be designing playroom furniture that a bright 12-year-old can build on a Saturday. I think even I could make this neat little bench. C.T.

The French and Greek training bench is a piece of equipment that will serve many needs without taking up a great deal of room. The bench can easily be used as a whipping bench or an enema bench and, since it can hold a person sitting on an edge, it will serve as a platform for cock-and-ball or cunt torture. Aside from cutting out the gains (notches) for the legs, the construction is simple and fast. It can be finished in any way you choose, or left plain to add to its appeal and to allow it to assume its disguise as a sawhorse for those who don't have the luxury of a dungeon.

WHAT YOU NEED

All materials can be purchased at any lumber yard or do-it-yourself center. The latter will have the tools in stock as well.

WOOD:

1 piece 2" x 8" x 40" for the bench top and 4 pieces 2" x 4" x 8' for legs, forearm and shin rests and scrap for end braces.

If you prefer, you can have the lumber yard cut the 2 by 4's for you. You need: 2 pieces 2" x 4" x 30" plus 2 pieces 2" x 4" x 26" plus 4 pieces 2" x 4" x 40" and 2 pieces 2" x 4" x whatever is left over.

HARDWARE:

8 penny nails, carpenter's glue, sandpaper in medium and fine grit, and finishing material of your choice (linseed oil is fine; stain, with or without polyurethane, or primer and paint if you prefer).

TOOLS:

A crosscut saw, backsaw, chisel, straight edge, and a hammer.

CONSTRUCTION

If you bought the wood uncut, begin by laying out the legs. Cut two 30" lengths of 2 x 4, and two 26" lengths of 2 x 4. Since each leg has compound angles used to mark the gains (notches) on the bench top, it would be helpful to mark the legs "Top" to prevent mistakes when laying out the cutting marks.

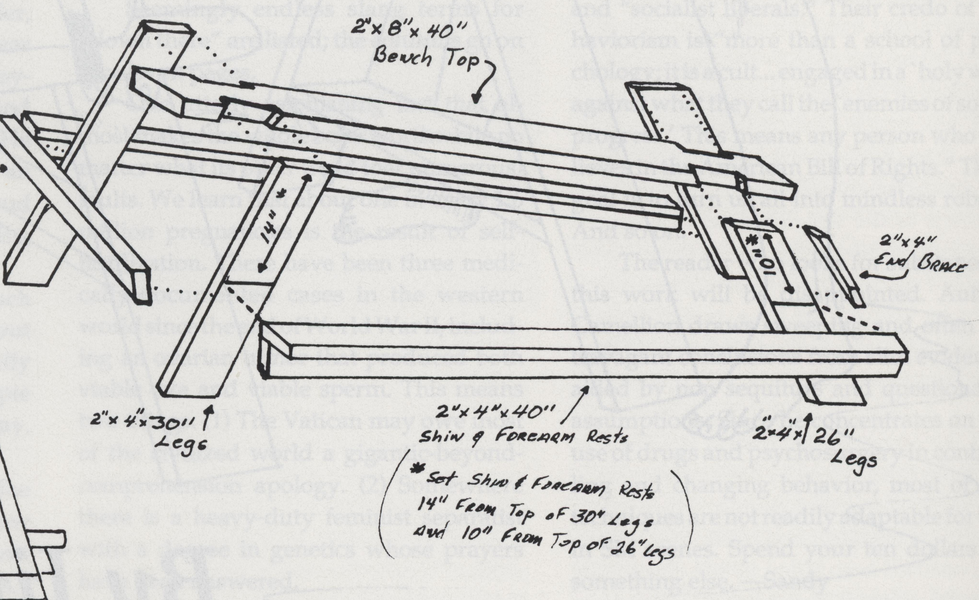
Lay out the 30" legs and measure 3/4 of an inch down from the upper left hand corner. Scribe a line on an angle from the 3/4" mark to the upper right hand corner of the top.

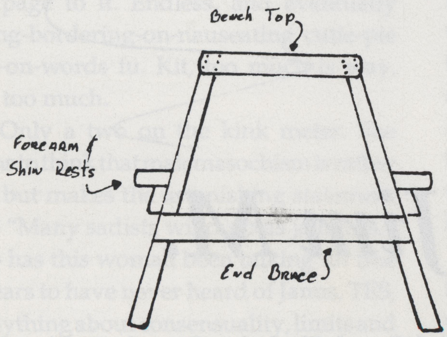
On the lower right hand corner, measure 1-3/8" up from the bottom edge. Scribe a line from this mark on an angle to the lower left hand edge of the leg. Clamp the legs firmly, and cut along the lines.

Lay out the 26" legs, and measure 1-5/8" down from the upper right hand corner. Scribe a line on an angle from the mark to the upper left-hand corner of the top. On the lower left hand corner, measure up 1" from the bottom edge. Scribe the line from this mark to the lower right hand corner to finish the angles. Clamp the legs firmly and cut along these lines.

Lay out the bench top by cutting the 2 x 8 to 40" long. Lay the bench top on its edge.

Now lay out the gains on the bench top. Take a 30" long leg and place its top edge 6-7/8" in from the left edge of the bench top. Align the leg until it is parallel with the bench's surface. At this time the left hand edge of the leg should be 6-7/8" in from the top edge and 6-1/2" in from the bottom edge. Hold the leg in place and scribe along the left and right edge of the leg, marking the sides of the gain. Repeat this step on the other side of the bench top.





The French Greek Training Bench

Take a 26" leg and place its top edge 4-1/8" in from the right edge of the bench top. Align this leg until its top is parallel with the bench's top surface. The leg should now be aligned 4-1/8" in from the top edge and 3-1/4" in from the lower right edge. Hold the leg in place and scribe along the right and left-hand edges of the leg to show the outline of the gain sides. Repeat this step on the other side of the bench top.

On the top of the bench, measure 1-1/2 inch in from the outside edge of the gain side. Do this on the inside of the marks made for the gains. Then turn the bench top over, and, on the gain marks, measure in 1" from the outer edge. This marks out the top inside and bottom outside angles of the gain. Make sure these lines are parallel to the edge.

Using a backsaw, cut the sides of the gain, holding the saw at an angle so you will cut no deeper than the top and bottom lines marked on the surface of the bench. After you have cut the sides of the gains, you can make a number of cuts into the waste area of the gain, to make it easier to chisel out the waste material. Be careful not to go any deeper into the wood than the upper and lower angles of the gain.

Fit the legs into the gains. Trim off any excess with the chisel until the legs fit snugly into the notches. Then nail them into place with 8-penny nails.

Now lay out the forearm and shin rests, by cutting four pieces to 2" x 4" x 40". Save the scraps for the end braces.

Lay one of the 2" x 4" x 40"'s on its edge and run a bead of white glue along the top. Lay the flat side of the next 2" x 4" x 40" on top of the first, forming an "L" shape. Nail the two pieces together with 8-penny nails. Complete the second forearm and the two shin braces in the same way.

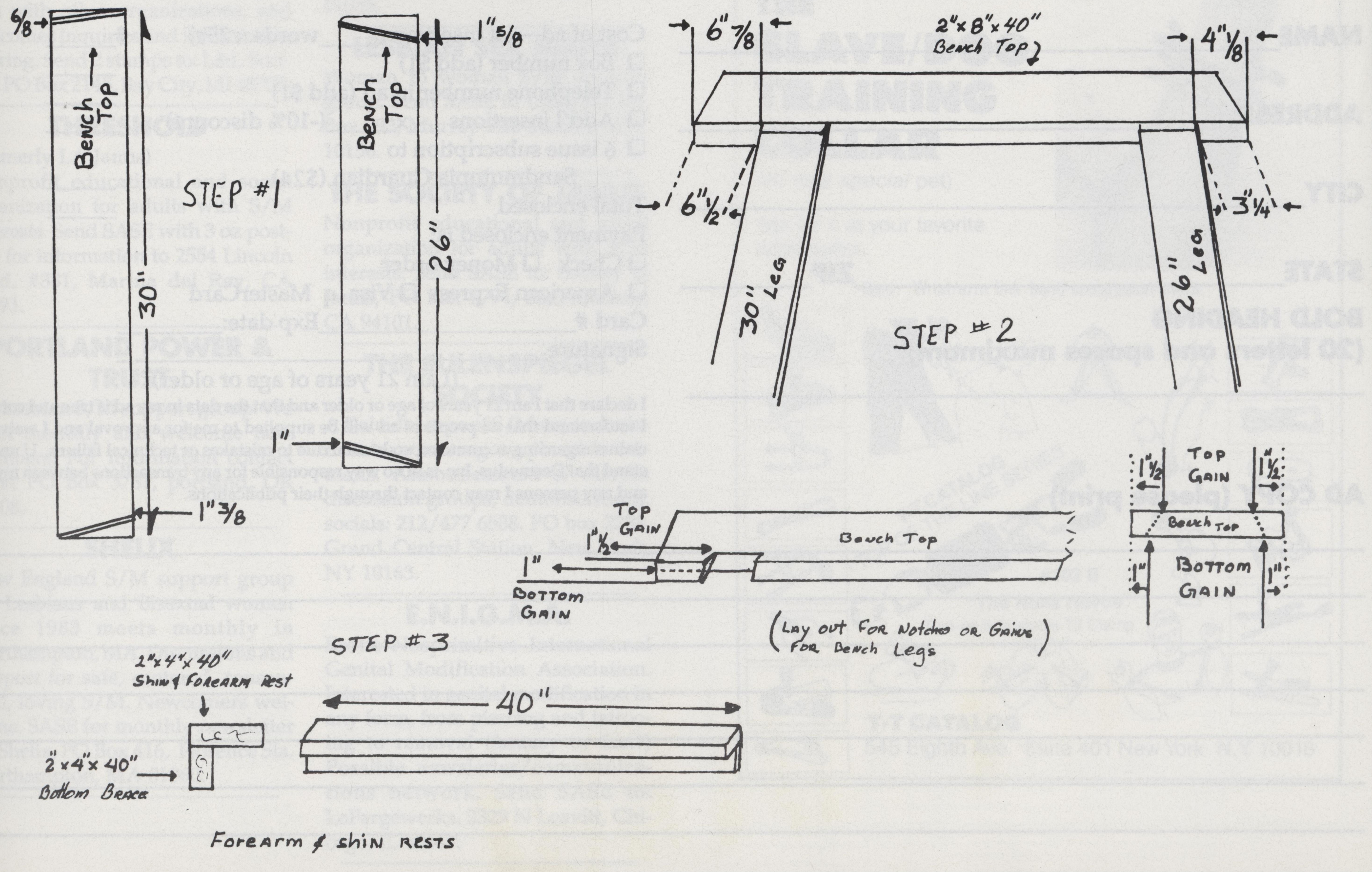
Next measure 10" down from the top of the 26" leg and make a mark. Then measure 14" down from the top of the 30" leg. Do the same on the other side and nail the forearm and shin rests on to the legs at these marks. This will place the rests at the proper angles and keep the table's legs from spreading under the weight of the body on the bench.

Take the scraps and move them along the ends of both legs until the outside edges are flush with the legs. Scribe the scrap piece and the edge of the legs. Cut off the excess and nail the end brace in place with 8-penny nails. Repeat on the other side.

Trim and sand the surface of the bench top. You may leave it as is or score out curves along the bench edges for legs and arms.

Round off all corners and sand the legs and rests smooth. The bench and rests can be padded. However, I prefer them left plain to allow for attaching different equipment. I used linseed oil to finish my bench and protect it from moisture.

You can easily make rests as shown in the drawing, by using shorter lengths of a 2 x 4 and angle iron. Screw the 2 x 4 rests to the irons and attach the irons to the legs at the same points as shown. ■



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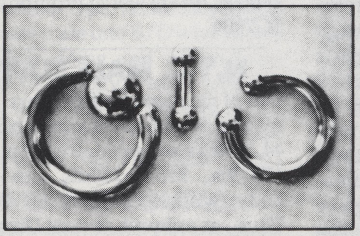

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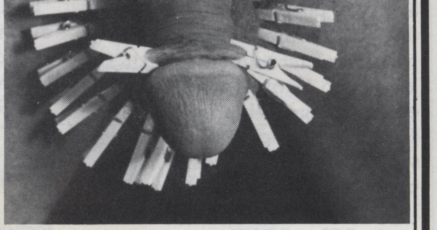

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